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YOU WERE IN MY ARMS...  
UNTIL YOU TRADED **REAL**  
**ROMANCE** FOR GILDED  
KISSES! YOU'RE NOTHING  
BUT A **FORTUNE-**  
**HUNTER!**

NO...**NO!** WON'T YOU  
**EVER** BELIEVE ME...  
WON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S  
IN MY HEART?



WHICH PAYS OFF...  
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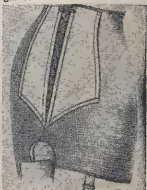
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# ROMANCE *can be* RISKY



STRANGE AND EXCITING THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO A GIRL WHEN SHE'S IN LOVE...BUT NOTHING STRANGER THAN WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! YES, READER...WHEN I FELL FOR DR. ANDREW MORGAN, I FELL **HARD**...AND ENDED UP ALMOST LITERALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD! THAT I'M ALIVE TODAY TO TELL YOU MY STORY IS MIRACULOUS IN ITSELF ---AND PULSING PROOF THAT

**ROMANCE CAN BE RISKY!**



"LOOKING BACK NOW, I CAN SEE THAT IT ALL STARTED RIGHT AFTER MY GRADUATION EXERCISES AT JUNIOR COLLEGE..."

OH, I WOULDN'T ACCEPT ANYTHING BUT A GLAMOROUS JOB...AND I'VE GOT ONE! AS A MODEL!

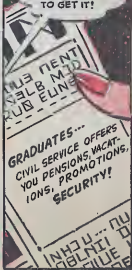
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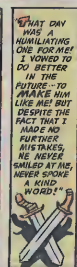
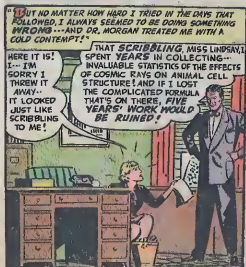
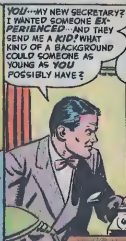
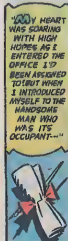
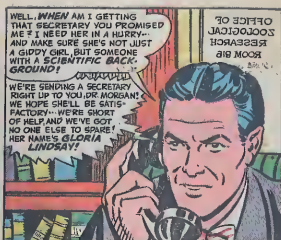
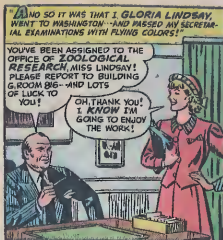
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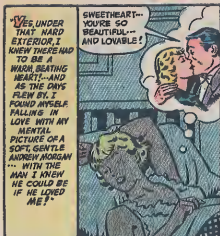


NONE OF YOUR GLAMOR JOBS FOR ME...I WANT SECURITY! AND A CIVIL SERVICE JOB IS THE PLACE TO GET IT!

GRADUATES... CIVIL SERVICE OFFERS YOU PENSIONS, VACATIONS, PROMOTIONS, SECURITY!





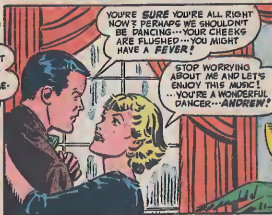


"BUT WEEKS DRAGGED BY, WEEKS OF HARD WORK AND LONG HOURS...AND STILL ANDREW MORGAN REFUSED TO SEE ME AS A HUMAN BEING...AS A WOMAN! FINALLY, I KNEW I WOULD HAVE TO RESORT TO A RUSE TO SHOW HIM THAT I WASN'T A MACHINE... BUT A GIRL OF FLESH AND BLOOD...AND A HEART!"



"I FELT STRONG BUT TENDER ARMS CATCHING ME, CLASPING ME TIGHT! AND I OPENED MY EYES TO THE KIND OF WORDS FOR WHICH I HUNGRED!"

MISS LINDSAY... GLORIA! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I... I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR LETTING YOU WORK SO HARD! A SWEET GIRL LIKE YOU... I'VE BEEN A BRUTE!



"WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME, MY HEART THROBBED WITH ANTICIPATION, YEARNING FOR THAT CLIMAX TO AN EXHILARATING EVENING...FOR HIS KISS! BUT AT THE DOOR, HE TURNED TO GO!"



"HE LOOKED DOWN AT ME... AND THE ANSWER WAS CLEAR IN MY EYES! SUDDENLY, HIS LIPS WERE HARD UPON MINE, AND I FELT MYSELF SINKING DEEP INTO THE DEPTHS OF RAPTUREOUS ROMANCE! I WAS IN LOVE...AND WITH A MAN WHO WAS WARM AND HUMAN!"







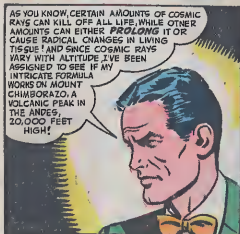
"I PRAYED THAT HIS EMBRACE WOULD LAST FOREVER... BUT THEN CAME A RUDE AWAKENING! SUDDENLY, ROUGHLY, I FELT MYSELF PUSHED AWAY!"

"I...I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT! AND YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PROVOKED ME INTO IT! I'VE GOT NO TIME FOR ROMANTIC FOOLISHNESS...AND BELIEVE ME, THIS WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!"

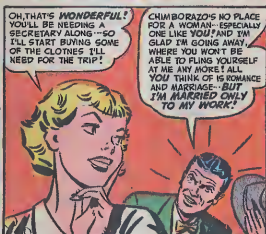
"BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM-- KNOWING THAT I'D FINALLY BROKEN DOWN HIS COLD RESERVE, AND THAT HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO TREAT ME ALOOFLY AGAIN! BUT THE NEXT MORNING..."



"I WANT YOU TO FORGET ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S INTERLUDE, MISS LINDSAY! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP STRICTLY TO BUSINESS AND WIND UP ALL OUR WORK... BECAUSE I'M LEAVING ON AN EXPEDITION TO THE ANDES NEXT WEEK!"



AS YOU KNOW, CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF COSMIC RAYS CAN KILL OFF ALL LIFE, WHILE OTHER AMOUNTS CAN EITHER PROLONG IT OR CAUSE RADICAL CHANGES IN LIVING TISSUE! AND SINCE COSMIC RAYS VARY WITH ALTITUDE I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO SEE IF MY INTRICATE FORMULA WORKS ON MOUNT CHIMBORAZO, A VOLCANIC PEAK IN THE ANDES, 20,000 FEET HIGH!



OH, THAT'S WONDERFUL! YOU'LL BE NEEDING A SECRETARY ALONG--SO I'LL START BUYING SOME OF THE CLOTHES I'LL NEED FOR THE TRIP!

CHIMBORAZO'S NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN--ESPECIALLY ONE LIKE YOU! AND I'M GLAD I'M GOING AWAY, WHERE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FLING YOURSELF AT ME ANY MORE! ALL YOU THINK OF IS ROMANCE AND MARRIAGE--BUT I'M MARRIED ONLY TO MY WORK!



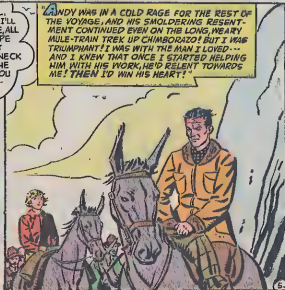
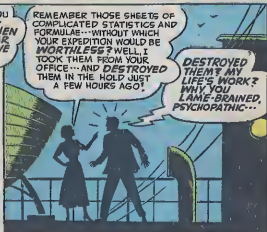
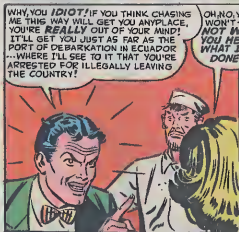
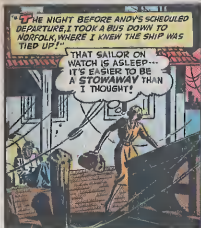
AND SPARE ME YOUR TEARS! YOU CAN TRY THEM ON YOUR NEXT BOSS--BECAUSE I'M HAVING YOU TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT!

NO. NO. NO!

"THE DOOR SLAMMED BEHIND HIM--STRIKING A HOLLOW ECHO IN MY GRIEVING HEART! I LOVED HIM--COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF LOSING HIM!"



BUT...DO I HAVE TO LOSE HIM? COULDN'T I GO WITH HIM? I WON'T GIVE HIM UP THIS EASILY--I WON'T! I'LL PROVE TO HIM THAT I CAN BE OF USE TO HIM ON THE EXPEDITION...I'LL MAKE HIM NEED ME! AND I KNOW NOW!





"UP UP THE RUGGED SLOPES WE TOILED, FOR DAYS ON END! THEN FINALLY... TROUBLE!"

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOUR MEN WON'T GO ANY FURTHER? WE'RE ALMOST AT OUR GOAL... YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME NOW!

UP ABOVE IS CITY OF ETERNAL LIFE... WHERE DWELL THE WHITE GODS WHO NEVER DIE! THEIR MAGIC IS MIGHTY... AND TABOO FOR OUR TRIBE! NO MAN COME BACK ALIVE FROM THERE!

YOU'VE HEARD THEIR GIBBERISH... THEY SEEM DETERMINED TO RETURN! YOU'D BETTER GIVE ME THOSE STATISTICS YOU'VE MEMORIZED AND GO BACK WITH THEM! I'LL PROCEED ALONE!

NO! WHEREVER YOU GO, I'M GOING! I'VE COME THIS FAR, AND I DON'T INTEND TURNING BACK NOW!

IDIOT! IF YOU WANT TO FOLLOW ME AND RISK YOUR FOOL LIFE, I GUESS I CAN'T STOP YOU!

YOU'RE THE IDIOT! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE I CAN'T LIVE WITH-OUT YOU? DON'T YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF TRUE LOVE AND DEVOTION?

"AND SO OUR CLIMB CONTINUED... FOREVER UPWARD! THERE WAS NO END TO THE LONELY MAJESTY OF CHIMBORAZO! COLD FEAR BEGAN TO GNAW AWAY AT MY HEART... WE'RE DESTINED TO MOUNT UPWARD'S FOR ETERNITY!"

IF ONLY HE KNOWS WHERE HE'S GOING... BUT I'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH IN HIM, I'VE GOT TO!

OHNN! IT MAKES ME-- DIZZY TO LOOK DOWN!

"STIFLED MY TEARS OF RAGE-- WAS HE BLIND TO EVERYTHING THAT WAS GENUINE? DID HE THINK THE LOVE THAT SHONE FROM MY EYES WAS ALSO AN ACT?"

CUT THAT OUT! YOU ROPED ME IN ONCE WITH THAT FAINTING ACT-- AND IF YOU TRY IT AGAIN, YOU CAN STAY HERE FOR ALL I CARE!

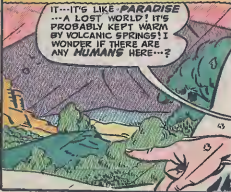
"IT WAS OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE-- AS A RAGING BLIZZARD STRUCK SUDDENLY! IT WAS THEN THAT MY STRENGTH LEFT ME, AND I FELT MYSELF SINKING INTO A SEA OF ROARING DARKNESS!"

ANDY... I... I CAN'T GO ON! COME BACK... FOR ME!

WAIT-- THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY SNOW BEYOND THIS PASS-- GOOD LORD! LOOK! IT-- IT'S INCREDIBLE!

"THE PULSING EXCITEMENT IN HIS VOICE GAVE ME STRENGTH! I MANAGED TO STUMBLE TO THE PASS... BEYOND WHICH AN ASTOUNDING SIGHT UNFOLDED! FOR THERE, RIMMED BY THE TOWERING MOUNTAINS, WAS THE GREENEST, LOVELIEST VALLEY I'D EVER SEEN!"

IT...IT'S LIKE PARADISE...A LOST WORLD! IT'S PROBABLY KEPT WARM BY VOLCANIC SPRINGS! I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY HUMANS HERE...?



"HIS ANSWER CAME SUDDENLY...FRIGHTENINGLY! DESCENDING ON US WAS A STREAM OF MENACING SAVAGES, SPEARS POINTED AT OUR THROATS!"

STRANGERS HAVE DARED TO ENTER FROM THE BEYOND! SEIZE THEM...BRING THEM TO REGNOR!



"THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR RESISTANCE! QUICKLY, WE WERE DRAGGED DOWN INTO THE STREETS OF AN AMAZING CITY...AND INTO THE PRESENCE OF THEIR NOBLE, BUT FIERCE-LOOKING LEADER!"

PUT THEM TO DEATH...IMMEDIATELY!

OH, NO... NO!



YOU...YOU CAN'T DO THAT! WE CAME IN PEACE...SURELY A GREAT RULER SUCH AS YOU NEED NOT FEAR US! HAVE MERCY ON US, PLEASE!

AH, I DID NOT SEE YOUR BEAUTY BEFORE! YOUR ELOQUENCE HAS MOVED ME...SPARE THEM!

WELL, FOR ONCE, HER DEBATING BACKGROUND CAME IN HANDY!



"THE HANDSOME CHIEF, REGNOR, GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED US WITH A GUIDE, AND WE SPENT THE REST OF THE DAY WANDERING THROUGH THE ASTONISHING CITY! THEN..."

ISN'T IT STRANGE WE SAW NO OLD PEOPLE...AND NO CHILDREN? IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY'VE ALWAYS EXISTED JUST AS THEY ARE NOW!

YES, AND I HAVE A HUNCH HOW TO EXPLAIN THIS PLACE AND THESE PEOPLE! LUCKY I KEPT SOME INSTRUMENTS IN MY PACK...AND NOW I'LL NEED THAT INFORMATION YOU MEMORIZED...GLORIA!



"HE SMILED AS HE ASKED ME, AND MY HEART LEAPED WITH JOY... I WAS MAKING HIM LIKE ME! BUT AS SOON AS I GAVE HIM THE FACTS HE SOUGHT..."

THANKS! AND NOW, YOU BLACKMAILING MORON, GET OUT OF HERE AND LEAVE ME TO MY WORK! I'VE GOT NO USE FOR MAN-CHASING, SCHEMING WOMEN LIKE YOU!

OH!!!



"I FLED FROM THE ROOM, EYES BLINDED WITH HOT TEARS! ALL MY EFFORTS TO SHOW MY LOVE HAD BEEN IN VAIN... AND I SAW NOW THAT ALL MY FOND PICTURES OF HIM AS WARM AND TENDER WERE FALSE! HE WAS HEARTLESS!"



I HATE HIM, I HATE HIM!

AH, EYES AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOURS WERE NEVER MEANT FOR TEARS!



NO ONE WEEPS HERE... THIS IS THE VALLEY OF LIFE, OF JOY! THERE IS NO GORROW HERE... ONLY ETERNAL LOVE AND HAPPINESS!

HE... HE'S INTERESTED IN ME! I'LL SHOW ANDY HE'S NOT THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD FOR ME!



"IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, I SPENT MUCH TIME WITH REGNOR. WHILE HE PLIED ME WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORLD OUTSIDE... AND ALL THE TIME, HE NEVER STOPPED DEVOURING ME WITH HIS EYES! THEN, ONE DAY..."

AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS MERELY THE STRANGENESS OF YOUR BEAUTY THAT CAPTIVATED ME... I HAD NOT SEEN A STRANGE WOMAN... IN ALL MY LIFE! BUT NOW I KNOW YOU ARE TRULY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN THAT EVER LIVED! YOU WILL STAY HERE...



...AND BE MY QUEEN!

OH!!

"THE PURE SAVAGERY OF HIS KISS AWOKED MY HEART TO A TUMULTUOUS LONGING--AND FRIGHTENED ME!! I TRIED TO TELL MYSELF THAT THERE WAS A MAN WITH A PIERCE, SURGING HEART... WHO LOVED ME... AND WHOM I COULD LOVE..."



"BUT THEN CAME THE REALIZATION THAT WE WERE WORLDS APART. CIVILIZATIONS APART... I KNEW THAT I DIDN'T BELONG IN THIS WILD PRIMITIVE VALLEY! DESPERATELY, I SLIPPED FROM HIS EMBRACE!"

NO... I COULDN'T STAY HERE! YOU... YOU'RE NOT MY KIND... AS ANDY IS!

SO... HE STANDS IN MY WAY! HE DIES TOMORROW AT DAWN! REGNOR HAS SPOKEN!



MY WORDS HAD SEALED ANDY'S DEATH WARRANT! THAT NIGHT, WAITING FOR THE DAWN TO BREAK, I WATCHED THE LONELY FIGURE TIED TO THE STAKE..."

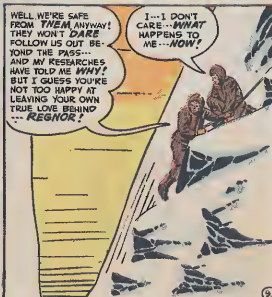
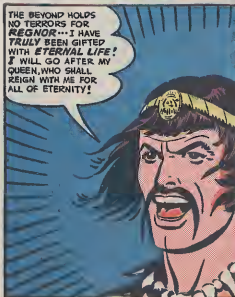


I... I DON'T LOVE HIM ANY MORE... I HATE HIM FOR HIS HEARTLESSNESS! BUT I'D BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH... AND I CAN'T LET HIM DIE THIS WAY!



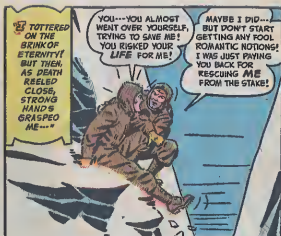


THEN, SUDDENLY, A SLEEPING GUARD AWOKE--- AND A WILD YELL SPLIT THE AIR!"





HEY! LOOK OUT FOR THAT CREVASSE!

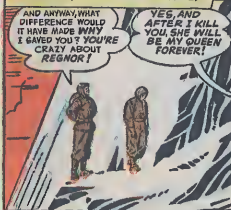


TOTTERED ON THE BRINK OF ETERNITY! BUT THEN, AS DEATH REELED CLOSE, STRONG HANDS GRASPED ME...

YOU...YOU ALMOST WENT OVER YOURSELF, TRYING TO SAVE ME! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR ME!

MAYBE I DID... BUT DON'T START GETTING ANY FOOL ROMANTIC NOTIONS! I WAS JUST PAYING YOU BACK FOR RESCUING ME FROM THE STAKE!

"HOW COULD I EVER HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS CAPABLE OF TENDERNESS? ONE NEEDED A HEART FOR ROMANCE, AND HIS WAS PURE STONE!"



AND ANYWAY, WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT HAVE MADE WHY I SAVED YOU? YOU'RE CRAZY ABOUT REGNOR!

YES, AND AFTER I KILL YOU, SHE WILL BE MY QUEEN FOREVER!

"REGNOR! HE'D CAUGHT US! AND ANDY, WITH HIS BACK TO THE CREVASSE, COULDN'T HOPE TO EVADE HIS MAD CHARGE! IN THIS SPLIT SECOND I SAW THINGS CLEARLY... HEARKENED TO THE TRUE MESSAGE OF MY HEART..."



NO, DON'T KILL HIM—I LOVE HIM!

"DESPERATELY, I LUNGED FORWARD, HOPING THAT THE MURDEROUS SPEAR WOULD PIERCE MY HEART INSTEAD OF ANDY'S! I THRUST OUT MY FOOT... AND REGNOR, TRIPPED AND FELL TO THE ICY GROUND!"

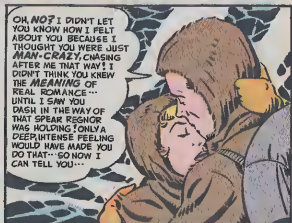
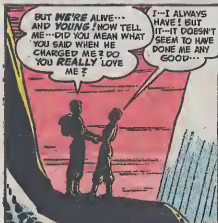
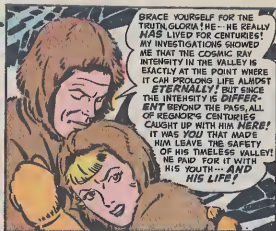


NO, GLORIA! LOOK OUT! GET BACK!



I'M... ALL RIGHT! BUT ANDY... LOOK!!!

THERE, ON THE GROUND WHERE REGNOR HAD FALLEN, WAS THE GNASTLIEST, MOST INCREDIBLE SIGHT THAT HUMAN EYES HAD EVER SEEN!"





# The **STAR** and the **STARLET**

THE first day on the set of "Magic Town," Karen Dee was petrified with fear. It was only a bit part she was playing, since the casting director had told her she lacked fire and emotional depth. "You're a clever little actress, Karen," he had told her kindly, "but only with your head. Your heart isn't in it."

Karen had ruefully, but gratefully, accepted the minor role offered to her, and here she was, scared to death. Everyone moved so fast, seemed to know exactly what to do, had such an experienced air. There was Lydia Hawks, talking with Jeffrey Collins. They were the stars, glamorous people, set apart from her and oh, so high above her.

"She's beautiful!" Karen sighed, watching Miss Hawks walk towards her dressing room, followed by a retinue of makeup men and wardrobe girls.

"I prefer your type," a deep voice said, close to Karen's ear.

Gasping, Karen turned and looked up into the laughing blue eyes of Jeffrey Collins. "Mr. Collins!" she exclaimed.

"Jeff, to you," he smiled, drawing her hand through his arm. "How about some nice hot coffee, my girl? Calm your nerves your first day on the set!"

Jeff Collins was wonderful. He made Karen feel at home, had her laughing and joking as she asked a hundred questions a minute. "You're my kind of a girl," he told her. "How about dinner some night this week? Say . . . tonight?"

Karen could hardly believe her ears. This tall, handsome guy sounded as good as he looked. "Love to," she breathed.

It was the first of many entrancing evenings. Dinner, dancing, theatres, the movies, long drives, golf, with the gaiety and intimacy deepening between them. Karen came to know one thing, as surely as she

knew she lived. She had fallen in love with Jeffrey Collins. Deeply in love!

Jeff seemed to sense a new reserve in her manner as she sat in the car beside him one night. "I'm glad you're serious, Karen," he told her. "I've said this on the screen many times, but I'm saying it in earnest now. *I love you!*"

It was heaven. His arms around her, his lips on hers. Karen went to bed that night, thinking of Jeff, still feeling the thrill of his kisses. She could scarcely contain herself the next day, as she walked onto the set. How could she act, listen to directions, keep her eyes from adoring Jeff every moment?

A high, sweet voice cut into her thoughts . . . Lydia's voice. "You're clever, Jeffrey," she was saying. "You've gotten terrific publicity of going out with that little fool! Everyone's saying you're a democratic guy, hobnobbing with the lower classes. Very clever, indeed!"

Karen didn't wait for Jeff's answer. Hurt, shocked beyond belief, she showed herself to Lydia and Jeff. Then, wordlessly, she turned and walked away. "Karen!" Jeff called after her. But she kept on walking, the feeling of shame and humiliation hot within her.

"Karen!" Jeff caught her in his arms, paying no attention to the people around. "I love you, darling. If you don't marry me, you'll get *unfavorable* publicity. I'll see to it!" Karen could not help smiling through her tears. He had told her he loved her, told her for everyone to hear!

"I love you, too, Jeff," she cried, her eyes underscoring her words.

"Print that!" yelled the director. "I take it back, Karen! You've got plenty of fire . . . enough to make you a star!"

"I don't want to be a star," she laughed. "Just Mrs. Jeff Collins!"

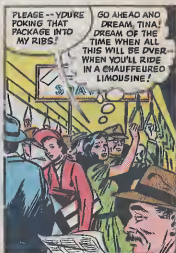
# My Heart Went Astray!





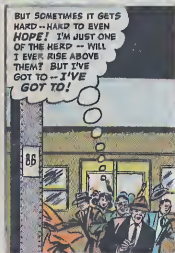
IT -- IT WON'T ALWAYS BE LIKE THIS! I'M TIRED OF BEING JUST A POOR SLAVEY! SOMEDAY I'LL BE AT THE TOP, I SWEAR IT! I'LL HAVE WEALTH, LUXURY, ROMANCE -- MY HEART'S DESIRE AND EVERYTHING THAT MONEY CAN BUY!

"YES, I LONGED FOR THAT FAR-OFF 'SOMEDAY' -- BUT IT NEVER SEEMED TO COME! FROM NINE TO SIX, SIX DAYS A WEEK, THERE WAS ONLY WORK, WORK, WORK -- AND ENVY OF THOSE WHO HAD WHAT I WANTED! THEN, EACH NIGHT, I'D TREK MY WEARY WAY HOMEWARD WITH ANOTHER DAY'S DREAMS SHATTERED --"



PLEASE -- YOU'RE POKING THAT PACKAGE INTO MY RIBS!

GO AHEAD AND DREAM, TINA! DREAM OF THE TIME WHEN ALL THIS WILL BE OVER WHEN YOU'LL RIDE IN A CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINE!



BUT SOMETIMES IT GETS HARD -- HARD TO EVEN HOPE! I'M JUST ONE OF THE HERD -- WILL I EVER RISE ABOVE THEM? BUT I'VE GOT TO -- I'VE GOT TO!

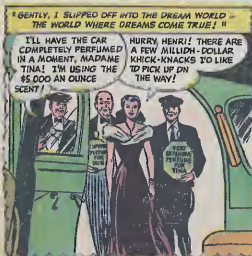


"IT WAS THE OLD ROUTINE! TIRED AND DESOLATE, I'D TRUDGE THE LONG FLIGHTS TO THE TINY PLACE I SHARED WITH A ROOM-MATE --"

I'M -- TOO TIRED EVEN TO COOK SUPPER! BETTER LIE DOWN AND REST AWHILE -- UNTIL JEAN COMES HOME!



REST -- FOR WHAT? ANOTHER DAY LIKE TODAY? BUT THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW -- AND SOMETHING MAY HAPPEN! MAYBE I'LL BE RICH -- FAMDUS! ... GOLLY, BUT IT'S HARD TO -- KEEP AWAKE --



"GENTLY, I SLEPPED OFF INTO THE DREAM WORLD -- THE WORLD WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE!"

I'LL HAVE THE CAR COMPLETELY PERFUMED IN A MOMENT, MADAME TINA! I'M USING THE \$5,000 AN OUNCE SCENT!

HURRY, HENRI! THERE ARE A FEW MILLION-DOLLAR KNICK-KNACKS TO LIKE TO PICK UP ON THE WAY!



WHY SHOULD I WORRY MY HEAD CHOOSING ONE OF THESE DIAMONDS? I'LL TAKE THEM ALL!

AH, BUT LET ME PERFUME THEM FOR YOU FIRST, MADAME TINA!



WHY, IT'S JEAN!  
LOOK AT ME—WEALTH,  
LUXURY, CHAUFFEURS,  
JEWELS—I TOLD  
YOU I'D MAKE  
THE GRADE!

OH, YES? WELL,  
STOP CREAMING AND  
COME DOWN OUT OF  
THE CLOUCS! YOU'RE  
STILL JUST A LITTLE  
SHOPGIRL, SO WAKE  
UP! WAKE UP,  
TINA!



WAKE UP, TINA!  
YOU'VE BEEN TALKING  
IN YOUR SLEEP—ALL  
ABOUT THAT SAME  
OLD PIPE-REAM  
OF YOURS!

OH, WHY'D YOU WAKE ME,  
JEAN? AT LEAST I HAD  
WHAT I WANTED IN MY  
SLEEP—BUT JUST WAIT!  
I'LL REALLY HAVE IT  
SOMEDAY—SOON!



HOW'D YOU GET IT? BY USING THAT  
ODDGE YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT—  
GOING ON A SWANK VACATION, POSING  
AS A MILLIONAIRESS AND LATCHING ONTO  
SOME RICH GUY?

DON'T LAUGH—  
THAT'S JUST WHAT  
I'M GOING TO DO!  
WHAT DO YOU THINK  
I'VE BEEN SCRIMPING  
AND SAVING FOR?



IT'S MEANT DENYING MYSELF  
CLOTHES, MOVIES—EVEN FOOD!  
BUT NOW I CAN HEAD FOR SUN  
VALLEY, IDAHO—ONE OF THE  
MOST EXCLUSIVE RESORTS IN  
THE COUNTRY! I THINK I'VE  
GOT THE LOOKS—AND WITH  
THE CLOTHES I'M GOING TO BUY,  
I'M GOING TO HOOK A  
MILLIONAIRE IF IT'S THE  
LAST THING  
I DO!



UH-HUH! BUT HOW ABOUT  
LOVE? DOESN'T THAT ENTER  
THE PICTURE?

FORGET IT!—  
HOW CAN IT COMPARE  
WITH SECURITY AND  
THE BETTER THINGS  
IN LIFE? IF A MAN  
OFFERS ME HIS  
HEART AND HIS  
FORTUNE, I'LL  
LEARN TO  
LOVE HIM!



"I HAD  
TWO WEEKS  
UNTIL MY  
VACATION!

AND  
I SPENT  
EVERY  
NIGHT  
SHOPPING—  
BUYING—  
SPENDING  
MY HARD-  
EARNED  
MONEY AS IF  
I WERE  
ALREADY  
MARRIED  
TO MY  
MILLIONAIRE!"

THAT SKI SUIT LOOKS  
BEAUTIFUL ON YOU,  
MADAME! I ENVY  
YOU—I WISH I  
COULD AFFORD TO  
WEAR SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT!



SHE ENVIES ME!  
I WISH I COULD  
AFFORD IT, TOO!  
BUT IF MY  
PLAN WORKS—!



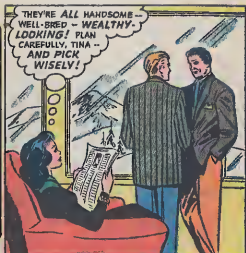
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL! I'LL  
TAKE THAT ONE, TOO!

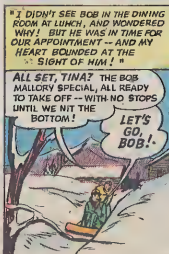
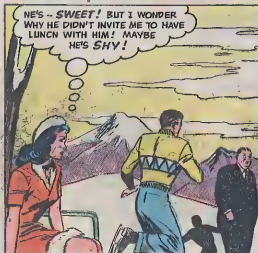
WHOEVER HE'S GOING  
TO BE, HE'LL LOVE ME  
IN IT! HE'S  
GOT TO!





"IT WAS DONE -- AND I WAS OFF FOR THE PROMISED LAND! THIS WAS ONE MAN-NUNT WHICH WASN'T GOING TO FAIL! I ARRIVED AT THE LODGE LATE IN THE EVENING -- CAST A QUICK LOOK AROUND FOR ELIGIBLE MEN..."







"BUT BOB EVADED MY QUESTIONS! I DIDN'T SEE HIM AGAIN UNTIL THE DANCE THAT NIGHT ---"

LET'S GO OUT ON THE TERRACE FOR A MOMENT, TINA! I WANT TO BE **ALONE** WITH YOU --- I'VE GOT SOMETHING **IMPORTANT** TO SAY!

JEEPERS, CAN I BE **SUCCESSING** ALREADY?



"IT WAS MONEY, POSITION I WANTED --- YET MY HEART POUNDED AT HIS WORDS!"

I HAVEN'T KNOWN YOU LONG -- BUT I KNOW YOU'RE EVERYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED! TINA, DARLING -- I'M **CRAZY ABOUT YOU!**

OH -- BOB -- SINCE THE MOMENT I SAW YOU, I'VE BEEN **WANTING** YOU TO SAY THAT!



"BOB'S ARMS TIGHTENED AROUND ME, BRINGING ME CLOSER -- CLOSER! THEN -- HIS LIPS UPON MINE. WAKING ME TO A FIRE OF ECSTASY SUCH AS I HAD NEVER KNOWN! THIS WAS IT, TINA -- AFTER ALL THE YEARS OF SELF-DENIAL, LONELINESS!"

I LOVE YOU -- TOO ---



WAIT, TINA -- DON'T COMMIT YOURSELF YET! I WANT TO ASK YOU TO MARRY ME -- BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW FIRST!

BUT -- WHAT COULD YOU TELL ME THAT COULD MAKE THE SLIGHTEST DIFFERENCE IN OUR LOVE?



JUST THIS! SUN VALLEY'S A PLACE FOR THE **RICH**, AND YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT ME, MEETING ME HERE! YOU SEE, I'M NOT ONE OF THE LOCAL PLAYBOYS -- I **WORK** FOR A LIVING! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M **MR. FALLON'S VALET!**

MR. FALLON'S -- VALET?



UH-UH -- AND THAT'S WHY I'VE HAD TO LEAVE YOU SO SUDDENLY FROM TIME TO TIME! HAD TO HELP HIM DRESS, OR PRESS HIS CLOTHES -- BUT THAT CAN'T MATTER TO YOU, CAN IT, DARLING?

YOU -- YOU -- A MISERABLE VALET, AND TRYING TO MAKE LOVE TO ME! OH, I COULD --



**DON'T -- DON'T EVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN!** I -- I DIDN'T MEAN ANY OF THE THINGS I SAID -- I **HATE YOU!**

SO A POOR MAN'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, EH -- WITH ALL YOUR WEALTH!



"SURELY THIS WAS FATE'S GRIMMEST JEST, READER! I, TINA DAY, WHO HAD FOUGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND YEARNED FOR WEALTH AND POSITION -- WHO HAD PLANNED SO WELL -- I HAD ALMOST PERMITTED MY HEART TO LEAD ME ASTRAY! I VOWED TO FORGET THIS MALE FORTUNE-HUNTER AND CONCENTRATE ON REAL WEALTH -- HIS EMPLOYER!

ON, MR. FALLON -- SO NICE, BUMPING INTO YOU! I WONDER -- COULD YOU FASTEN THIS NECKLACE FOR ME?

A PLEASURE, MY DEAR! ER -- YOU CAN GO ON DOWN, BOB!



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF THESE LAST FEW DAYS? NOW, IF I COULD ONLY HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR CHARMING COMPANY TONIGHT --

WHY, I'D BE DELIGHTED! I ONLY WISH THAT YOU'D ASKED ME SOONER!



"MY VACATION WAS WANING... DESPERATELY FEARING THAT IT MIGHT END IN FAILURE, I THREW MYSELF INTO REDOUBLED EFFORTS! I USED EVERY WILE KNOWN TO WOMAN, AND HENRY FALLON RESPONDED -- ALMOST TOO QUICKLY!"

I -- I NEVER DREAMED THAT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOU COULD BE INTERESTED IN A MAN LIKE ME, TINA!

I'VE ALWAYS PREFERRED THE MORE MATURE TYPE! THEY UNDERSTAND A GIRL'S PROBLEMS BETTER!



YOUR WORDS -- THE WAY YOU LOOK -- I CAN'T RESIST YOU! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU -- DON'T YOU KNOW IT?

HIS LIPS -- THEY'RE SO COLD! BUT HE CAN GIVE ME THE THINGS I'VE WANTED, AND I'LL LEARN TO LOVE HIM -- I'LL -- TRY --



"I HAD TRIED TO KEEP MY LITTLE CAMPAIGN SECRET -- BUT I RECKONED WITHOUT BOB'S ALL-SEEING EYE! HE CORNERED ME -- AND HIS WORDS CUT LIKE KNIVES!"

I'VE SPOTTED YOU, TINA! YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER FORTUNE-HUNTER -- A COLD-BLOODED VULTURE TRACKING DOWN MR. FALLON! YOU TURNED DOWN MY LOVE -- A REAL MAN'S LOVE -- JUST TO MARRY A MILLION BUCKS AND BE STUCK WITH A MAN OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR FATHER!



AND HE'S SOFT AND FAT, TO BOOT! I KNOW -- I'M HIS VALET! HE -- OW-WWW!

THAT SHOULD QUIET YOU, MR. MAILLORY! I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE HENRY FALLON! AT LEAST HE'S A SUCCESS --

NOT A POVERTY-SICKEN VALET! AND HE'S YOUNG ENOUGH TO TAKE ME SKIING TOMORROW ON DEVIL'S PEAK -- WHERE ONLY THE BEST SKIERS DARE GO!



"MY WORDS -- THE BLOW I DEALT HIM -- THEY WERE ALL SHAMS! FOR I KNEW NOW THAT BOB LOVED ME KNOWING WHAT I WAS -- AND THAT I LOVED HIM! BUT HE HAD NO PLACE IN MY PLANS -- AND SO --"

IT'S SO COMFORTING TO KNOW I'LL HAVE SOMEONE AS BRAVE AND ABLE AS YOU WITH ME ON THE DEVIL'S PEAK SKI RUN, HENRY!

ER -- I DID SAY I'D TAKE YOU, DIDN'T I? WELL -- REMEMBER, WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL!



"WE GOT TO THE BASE OF THE PEAK  
NEXT DAY -- AND THERE WAS BOB -- AND  
A PRETTY GIRL! THE PANG THAT SHOT  
THROUGH ME -- COULD IT BE --  
**JEALOUSY?**"

WELL! LOOKS AS IF  
ANNETTE AND I  
ARE HAVING  
COMPANY!  
I'M GLAD --  
DEVIL'S PEAK IS  
PRETTY  
TREACHEROUS  
TODAY!

WHY-WHY SHOULD  
I CARE WHO'S  
WITH HIM?  
THERE'S ONLY  
ONE THING  
I REALLY WANT --  
MONEY -- AND I'M  
GOING TO  
GET IT!

GULP!



IF THE RUN'S  
TOO DANGEROUS,  
MY DEAR, WE  
CAN USE THE  
CABLE CAR  
TO COME  
DOWN  
AGAIN!

NO! NOT  
ME -- I'M  
GOING  
THROUGH  
WITH IT!

I'VE GOT TO  
SNOW BOB --  
I CAN'T HAVE  
NIM LAUGH AT  
ME! OH, IF THINGS  
WERE ONLY  
DIFFERENT --  
IF ONLY HE  
WEREN'T A  
POOR MAN --



"WE REACHED THE TOP -- AND BOB  
AND ANNETTE PUSHED OFF  
IMMEDIATELY!"

YOU SAY YOU'VE DECIDED NOT TO  
TRY THE RUN? OKAY THEN, HENRY --  
I'M GOING ON ALONE!

I -- I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE  
THIS BEFORE! FOR SOME  
REASON, I DON'T EVEN  
WANT TO LET THEM  
OUT OF MY SIGHT!



"DOWN THE STEEP INCLINE I SHOT! BUT AS I MADE  
THE FIRST TURN IN THE TRAIL, I SAW --"

BOB -- IN HER ARMS! I -- I'M GLAD --  
BECAUSE IF I EVER HAD ANY DOUBTS, THEY'RE  
GONE! I'VE GOT THE COURAGE TO GO ON  
NOW -- TO FORGET HIM FOREVER --  
TO LIVE MY LIFE AS  
MRS. FALLON!



"WAS IT TEARS THAT BLURRED MY EYES? IN A  
TRICE, I HAD SHOT PAST THEM --"

FASTER -- FASTER! I -- I WANT  
TO GET AWAY FROM THEM -- AND  
NEVER EVEN THINK OF HIM  
AGAIN!



"THEN -- SUDDENLY -- A PATCH OF DEADLY GLARE ICE!  
HURTLING AT TOP SPEED -- UNABLE TO CONTROL  
MYSELF -- I SHOT FROM THE TRAIL AND HEADED  
TOWARDS THE BRINK!"

CAN'T -- STOP! GOING TO -- GO OVER THE  
EDGE OF THE CLIFF! AND I DON'T EVEN  
CARE -- I'VE MADE A MESS OF THINGS --



"THE CLIFF EDGE REELED HEARER! I CLOSED  
MY EYES -- DIMLY I HEARD A SHOUT --"

TINA -- I'M COMING!  
HANG ON -- TRY A  
SIDE SLIP --



\* I FELT A SMASHING WEIGHT  
CAREEN INTO ME, HURL ME  
TO ONE SIDE! THEN ... \*



THAT WAS MORE THAN YOU  
DESERVED, YOU SILLY LITTLE  
FOOL! YOU ALMOST GOT US  
BOTH KILLED! I'LL SEE YOU  
TO THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN--  
AND THAT'S THE LAST  
I EVER WANT TO  
SEE OF YOU!



BOB! -- WAIT!  
YOU ALMOST DIED  
TO SAVE ME!  
WHY? I'VE  
GOT TO KNOW--  
WHY?

JUST BECAUSE  
I'M FOOL ENOUGH  
TO BE IN LOVE  
WITH YOU! CAN  
YOU UNDERSTAND  
THAT?



I UNDERSTAND ONE THING--  
THAT I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF!  
I THOUGHT ONLY OF MONEY--  
AND CLOSED MY EYES TO THE  
TRUER HAPPINESS I COULD  
FIND IN THE HEART OF THE  
HONEST MAN I'VE LOVED  
FROM THE BEGINNING -- YOU!

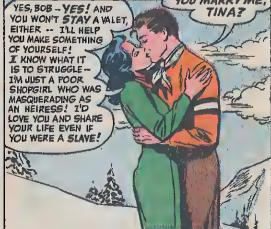
I THOUGHT THAT  
JEALOUSY MIGHT  
HELP WAKE YOU  
UP! IT WAS A DIRTY  
TRICK, BUT THAT WAS  
MY COUSIN ANNETTE!



BUT WHEN I BEGAN TO WAKE  
UP TO THE TRUTH, I THOUGHT  
IT WAS TOO  
LATE! THAT  
GIRL YOU WERE  
KISSING--?

THE ONLY THING THAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS -- WILL  
YOU MARRY ME,  
TINA?

YES, BOB -- YES! AND  
YOU WON'T STAY A VALET,  
EITHER -- I'LL HELP  
YOU MAKE SOMETHING  
OF YOURSELF!  
I KNOW WHAT IT  
IS TO STRUGGLE --  
I'M JUST A POOR  
SHOPGIRL WHO WAS  
MASQUERADING AS  
AN HEIRESS! I'D  
LOVE YOU AND SHARE  
YOUR LIFE EVEN IF  
YOU WERE A SLAVE!



SIR -- I  
SAW WHAT  
HAPPENED!  
ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT--  
SIR?

BUT WHY IS  
HE CALLING  
YOU SIR?  
YOU'RE HIS  
-- VALET,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

WELL --ER-- I HATE TO  
TELL YOU THIS, MONEY,  
BUT FALLON IS MY  
VALET! YOU SEE, WE  
ALWAYS SWITCH ROLES  
AT THESE RESORTS TO  
PROTECT ME FROM  
FORTUNE-HUNTERS!  
NOW, INSTEAD OF  
A VALET, I'M  
JUST A SLAVE --



-- A SLAVE TO LOVE!  
MY LOVE FOR  
YOU,  
SWEETHEART!

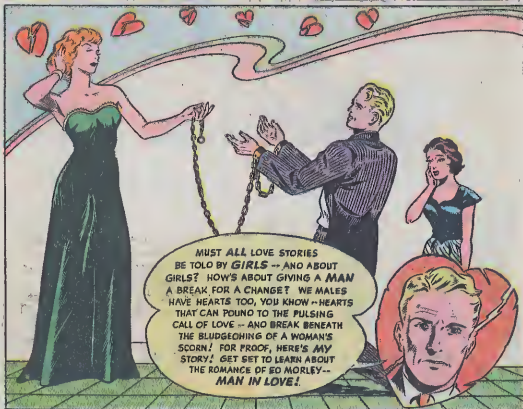


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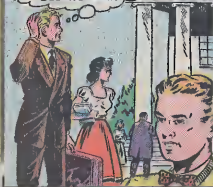
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Nat C. Sherman, Notary Public (Commission expires Mar. 30, 1951.)

# MAN in Love!



"LET'S START WITH A SMALL-TOWN BOY FROM THE IOWA STICKS, ON HIS FIRST DAY AT HUGE, BUSTLING MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY! YES, I WAS BEWILDERED AND FRIGHTENED -- WHY DENY IT?"

GOLLY, I'M SCARED! IT'S SO BIG, BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING -- EXCEPT ME! I-I FEEL LIKE A FOREIGNER -- AS IF I DIDN'T BELONG HERE!



"WHEN I FINALLY GOT TO THE REGISTRAR'S WINDOW, I WAS IN A PANIC -- AND BEGAN TO STAMMER LIKE THE FRIGHTENED SCHOOLBOY I WAS!"

SPEAK UP, BOY! WHAT'S YOUR NAME? WHAT COURSES DO YOU WISH TO ENROLL IN?

M-MY N...N...NAME? ED M-MOR--

WE'LL BE HERE ALL DAY AT THIS RATE! HERE, I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HIS TYPE!



"I TURNED AT THE SOUND OF THE VOICE BEHIND ME-- AND LOOKED INTO THE MOST BEWITCHING BLUE EYES I'D EVER SEEN! THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THEM THAT HELD ME ENTRANCED, MADE ME FORGET MY TIMIDITY MOMENTARILY! I FOUND MYSELF ANSWERING HER QUESTIONS AUTOMATICALLY, UNTHINKINGLY..."

SO, YOUR NAME IS EDWARD MORLEY... AND WHAT COURSES WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE?

CHEMISTRY 104... PHYSICS 102... BLUE EYES... I MEAN, BIOLOGY...

REGISTRAR

"IT WAS OVER! THE BLOOD WAS THROBBING IN MY HEAD AS I DEPARTED! HER BEAUTY... THE COOL, LAUGHING POISE WITH WHICH SHE HANDLED HERSELF..."

NO, MR. REGISTRAR-- IT WASN'T HYPNOTISM! JUST A WAY THAT SYLVIA HARRIS HAS WITH MALES!

"I KEPT LOOKING FOR HER THE ENTIRE WEEK BEFORE CLASSES STARTED! THEN-- AT MY FRESHMAN INITIATION..."

COME ON, MORLEY! PUSH THAT PEANUT!

HA, HA! JUST LOOK AT HIM, JUDY!

"IT WAS SHE!--NO OTHER VOICE COULD SEND RIPPLING SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE LIKE THAT! AND ONCE AGAIN I WAS RIDICULOUS IN HER EYES!"

YOU SHOULDN'T LAUGH AT HIM, SYLVIA! IT'S NOT HIS FAULT!

I CAN'T HELP IT! IT'S JUST THAT HE'S SUCH A TIMID SOUL-- HE'S THE PERFECT BUTT, JUDY!

I... I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH SHE LAUGHS AT ME-- AS LONG AS I SEE HER AGAIN!

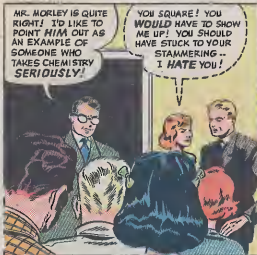
"THEN ---WONDER OF WONDERS--- I FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS IN MY CHEM CLASS! I WAS DETERMINED TO BRING MYSELF TO HER ATTENTION, TO SHOW HER I WASN'T A DOLT! SOON, MY CHANCE CAME..."

OF COURSE I KNOW HOW TO CHANGE FAHREHNEIT TEMPERATURES INTO CENTIGRADE, PROFESSOR! THE FORMULA IS  $C = 9/5 F + 32$ !

MISS HARRIS, I WISH YOU WERE AS ACCURATE AS YOU ARE CONFIDENT! DOES ANYONE KNOW THE CORRECT FORMULA? AH, MR. MORLEY HAS HIS HAND UP!

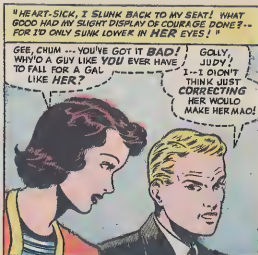
WHAT MISS HARRIS GAVE WAS THE FORMULA FOR CHANGING CENTIGRADE INTO FAHREHNEIT! THE CORRECT FORMULA IS THE ONE I HAVE ON THE BOARD!

$C = (F - 32) \cdot 5/9$



MR. MORLEY IS QUITE RIGHT! I'D LIKE TO POINT HIM OUT AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE WHO TAKES CHEMISTRY SERIOUSLY!

YOU SQUARE! YOU WOULD HAVE TO SHOW ME UP! YOU SHOULD HAVE STUCK TO YOUR STAMMERING... I HATE YOU!



"HEART-SICK, I SLUNK BACK TO MY SEAT! WHAT GOOD HAD MY SLIGHT DISPLAY OF COURAGE DONE?-- FOR I'D ONLY SUNK LOWER IN HER EYES!"

GEE, CHUM --- YOU'VE GOT IT BAD! WHY'D A GUY LIKE YOU EVER HAVE TO FALL FOR A GAL LIKE HER?

GOLLY, JUDY! I--I DON'T THINK JUST CORRECTING HER WOULD MAKE HER MAD!

"I DID HAVE IT BAD! AND I KNEW NOW IT WAS HOPELESS --- SYLVIA HARRIS WOULD NEVER EVEN LOOK AT ME AGAIN! AND ALL I COULD DO WAS FOLLOW HER AROUND LIKE A WORSHIPFUL KID!"

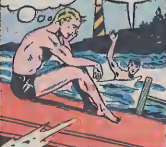
THE WHOLE CAMPUS KNOWS BY NOW I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON HER! I'M MAKING A FOOL OF MYSELF... BUT I CAN'T HELP IT!



"THE TERM ENDED! ALL THROUGH THE SUMMER, I VOWED I'D MAKE A NEW START! I'D BECOME AGGRESSIVE, FORCEFUL ---"

I'LL SWEEP HER OFF HER FEET! SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THE NEW ED MORLEY!

COME ON, ED! QUIT YOUR MOONING! YOU IN LOVE OR SOMETHING?



"I RETURNED TO THE CAMPUS WITH A WHOLE NEW OUTFIT OF SHARP COLLEGIATE CLOTHES--THE KIND I'D SEEN SYLVIA'S ESCORTS WEAR! THAT WAS MY FIRST STEP!"

WELL, I'M A NEW MAN ON THE OUTSIDE --AND NOW I'VE GOT TO PROVE I'VE CHANGED ON THE INSIDE, TOO!



"HEART THUDDING FIERCELY, I FORCED MYSELF TO SWAGGER UP THE STEPS OF SYLVIA'S SORORITY HOUSE -- HOPING I DIDN'T LOOK THE WAY I FELT! BUT AS THE DOOR OPENED --"

WELL, WELL --OLD STUFF IN NEW CLOTHES!

GET A LAUGH, JACK, DARLING --THIS IS THE DRIP I TOLO YOU ABOUT!

THE LITTLE MAN WHO FOLLOWS YOU AROUND, EH? HAW, HAW!



"I PRAYED THAT THE EARTH WOULD OPEH UP AND SWALLOW ME! BUT I KNEW HOW MUCH WORSE IT WOULD BE IF I ADMITTED I'D COME TO CALL ON HER!"

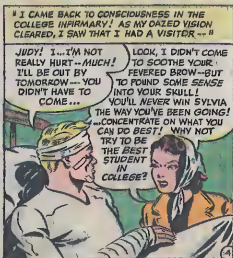
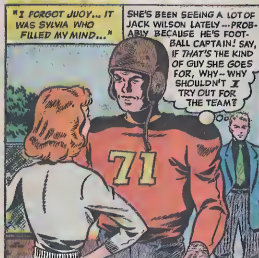
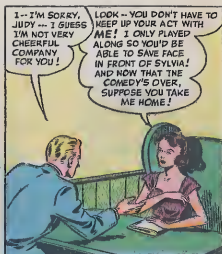


HERE'S -- JUDY! SYLVIA WON'T BE ABLE TO LAUGH AT ME IF I SAY I CAME CALLING FOR HER!





"IT WAS A MOVE OF DESPERATION -- BUT JUDY CAME THROUGH! WHY A GIRL I KNEW ONLY CASUALLY WOULD LIE FOR MY SAKE I DIDN'T KNOW-- NOR DID I CARE! I ONLY KNEW THAT MIRACULOUSLY I'D BEEN SPARED MORE OF SYLVIA'S MOCKING LAUGHTER! BUT NOW I HAD TO GO THROUGH WITH THE ACT OF TAKING JUDY SAWYER TO DINNER..."



"THAT WAS IT --- THAT WAS THE WAY TO BRING MYSELF TO SYLVIA'S ATTENTION! BUT IT WASN'T EASY! I COULDN'T CROWD HER OUT OF MY MIND WHILE I WAS STUDYING --- ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE WAS THE REASON FOR IT!"



"BY MY JUNIOR YEAR, I KNEW I WAS GETTING A REPUTATION--MY GRADES WERE THE BEST ON THE CAMPUS! BUT IT WASN'T THE KIND OF REPUTATION I REALLY WANTED..."



G'WAN--- THE ONLY SWEETHEART HE'S GOT NOW IS A DICTIONARY! WHY, I'LL BET TEN BUCKS YOU COULDN'T EVEN GET HIM TO KISS YOU!



"THAT AFTERNOON --"

WHY, EDWARD MORLEY, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING ALL THESE MONTHS? IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STOPPED NEGLECTING POOR LITTLE ME! COULD YOU COME OVER TO MY SORORITY HOUSE TONIGHT FOR A QUIET CHAT? -- NO ONE'LL BE THERE BUT THE TWO OF US...!



"IT HAD WORKED! MY HEART SANG --- FOR HADN'T MY SCHOLASTIC REPUTATION MADE SYLVIA LOOK AT ME WITH NEW EYES AS SOMEONE WORTH KNOWING -- AND PERHAPS LOVING? AND SO ---"

YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HYDROCARBONS? WHY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTERESTED --

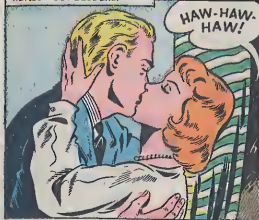


WELL, ER... HYDROCARBONS USUALLY HAVE A... MARVELOUS FIGURE... ER, I MEAN, MOLECULAR STRUCTURE...



"I LOOKED DOWN INTO THE SOFT, INVITING DEPTHS OF THOSE BLUE EYES--SAW HER RED, RED LIPS--AND SOMETHING CLUTCHED AT MY THROAT! I FELT MYSELF TREMBLING--" 5

"AND THEN -- IT HAPPENED! WE SWAYED TOGETHER -- AND MY LIPS TASTED THE FIERY SWEETNESS OF HERS! BUT SUDDENLY --"



YOU! WH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HAW, HAW! FUNNIEST THING I EVER SAW! THE SAP REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE FALLING FOR HIM, SYL! YOU GOT HIM TO KISS YOU AND I LOST THE BET--

BUT THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE SURE WAS WORTH IT!



"LAUGHTER -- THE SOUND OF MY WORLD COLLAPSING ABOUT MY EARS! STUNNED, I FLED FROM THE SCENE OF MY HUMILIATION!"



"THIS WAS MY BLACKEST MOMENT! DARK DESPAIR GRIPPED ME -- AND FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY CHILDHOOD, I KNEW THE BITTER, HOPELESS TEARS OF FRUSTRATION!"



"AND THEN, AS IF FROM A DISTANT WORLD, I FELT THE SOFT TOUCH OF A HAND -- HEARD A GIRL'S VOICE..."

I -- I HEARD JACK AND SYLVIA SOUNDING OFF ABOUT THEIR GORGEOUS BET! YOU BIG LUNKHEAD, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO REALIZE SHE'S NO GOOD FOR YOU? CAN'T YOU EVER FORGET HER ... DOES SHE MEAN THAT MUCH TO YOU?



I -- I GOT SOMETHING IN MY EYE -- IT -- IT MADE MY EYES TEAR! AND YOU'RE ALL WET IF YOU THINK I CARE ANYTHING ABOUT SYLVIA! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'LL SHOW YOU I'M NOT MOONING ABOUT HER... WHAT ARE YOU DOING TOMORROW NIGHT?



"I HAD TO FORGET SYLVIA, SHOW HER -- SHOW THE WHOLE CAMPUS! THAT MEANT ANOTHER GIRL -- AND WHAT OTHER GIRL DID I KNOW? ONLY TOMBOYISH, SNUB-NOSED, LITTLE JUDY SAWYER -- THE PAL TYPE! SHE'VE HAVE TO DO -- AND SO I TOOK UP WITH HER -- FUTILELY STRIVING TO CROWN THE MEMORY OF A BEAUTY THAT STILL HAUNTED ME!"



"THAT'S THE WAY THINGS WENT FOR THE REST OF MY COLLEGE CAREER! I STUDIED HARD, TOP GRADES, AND THEN ... AT COMMENCEMENT ..."

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO AWARD THIS SCROLL TO JACK WILSON, THE GREATEST ATHLETE IN THE HISTORY OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY!



AND TO EDWARD MORLEY -- THE BEST STUDENT MIDWESTERN EVER HAD -- I AM PROUD TO PRESENT A \$1,000 GRANT -- TO ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE HIS BRILLIANT RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF CHEMISTRY!



"SEVEN YEARS RACED BY -- ON WINGS OF PROGRESS! I MADE A NAME FOR MYSELF IN CHEMISTRY, DISCOVERED A NEW METHOD OF SYNTHESIZING, THE WONDER-DRUG, CHDREOMYCIN! 'BOY WIZARD,' THEY CALLED ME -- AND SOON I'D MADE ENOUGH TO FULFILL THE DREAM OF MY OWN RESEARCH LABORATORY!"



"I'D WORKED HARD FOR SUCCESS! MY ONLY RELAXATION WAS AN OCCASIONAL DINNER DATE WITH JUDY SAWYER, WHOM I HAD HIRED AS MY SECRETARY -- AND WHO HAD TURNED OUT TO BE A LOYAL, HARD-WORKING ASSISTANT!"

YES, I GUESS I HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE MY FRESHMAN DAYS! BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU, JUDY -- IN ALL THAT TIME, YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP! I NEVER KNEW A GIRL COULD BE SUCH A TRUE FRIEND!

A-A FRIEND! I GUESS HE'LL NEVER THINK OF ME AS ANYTHING ELSE!



"THEN, ONE DAY ... A SURPRISE VISITOR FROM THE PAST! JACK WILSON!"

I'M ALL WASHED UP IN PRO FOOTBALL, ED -- THEY WANT KIDS! I KNOW YOU AND ME NEVER GOT ALONG TOO WELL, BUT WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THIS SWELL SETUP YOU'VE GOT HERE, I FIGURED YOU MIGHT GIVE ME A JOB --

ANY KIND!

WELL, I NEVER HOLD A GRUDGE -- I'LL TRY YOU OUT AS A LAB ASSISTANT! ... BY THE WAY, DO YOU ... ER ... STILL SEE ... SYLVIA HARRIS?

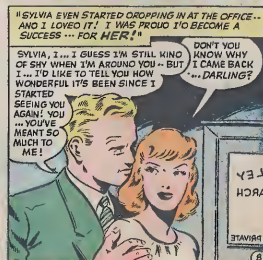
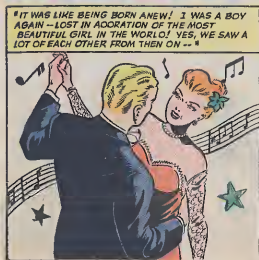
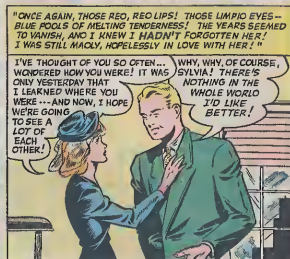


SYLVIA? I HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR AWHILE, BUT NOW THAT I HAVE A JOB, I THINK I'LL LOOK HER UP AGAIN! I'LL TELL HER YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT HER! -- AND THANKS FOR THE JOB!

I -- I WISH HE HADN'T COME -- HE'S BROUGHT BACK ALL THOSE MEMORIES OF HER! I WONDER HOW SHE IS ... HOW SHE LOOKS --





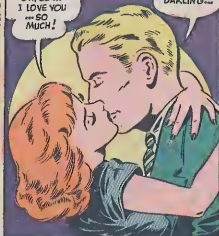


"THE ANSWER SHONE FROM HER EYES--AND THE SOFT INVITATION OF HER RUBY LIPS MADE MY HEAD REEL DIZZILY!

HUNGRILY, I SWEEPED HER INTO MY ARMS --AND THE BITTER PAIN OF ALL THE LONELY YEARS WAS SWEEPED AWAY IN BLINDING ECSTASY!"

OH, ED...  
I LOVE YOU  
...SO MUCH!

DARLING...

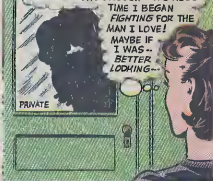


SHE... SHE'S TRAPPED HIM AGAIN! AND THIS TIME SHE WANTS HIM FOR KEEPS -- NOW THAT HE'S A SUCCESS! I -- I CAN'T LET HER DO THIS TO HIM! I'VE REMAINED IN THE BACKGROUND LONG ENOUGH -- IT'S ABOUT

TIME I BEGAN FIGHTING FOR THE MAN I LOVE!

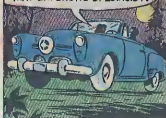
MAYBE IF I WAS -- BETTER LOOKING...

PRIVATE



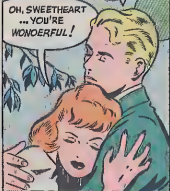
"I KNEW NOTHING OF JUDY'S FEELINGS, OF COURSE! FOR ME THERE WAS BUT ONE GOAL -- MARRIAGE -- WITH THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS!"

OF COURSE I WANT TO MARRY YOU, DARLING -- BUT I CAN'T JUST YET! MY MOTHER'S VERY ILL, AND I'D RATHER WAIT UNTIL SHE'S BETTER! IF ONLY I HAD THE MONEY TO TAKE HER TO THAT EXPENSIVE SPECIALIST!



WHY, YOU SILLY LITTLE GOOSE -- WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THIS BEFORE? I'LL WRITE YOU A CHECK FOR AS MUCH AS YOU NEED!

OH, SWEETHEART  
...YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



"NEXT MORNING BROUGHT A WORLD BRIGHT AND GAY WITH THE PROMISE OF HAPPINESS! I WAS THINKING ONLY OF MY LOVE WHEN I REACHED THE OFFICE..."

ER -- GOOD MORNING, ED! DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING -- DIFFERENT ABOUT ME TODAY?

THE WHOLE WORLD LOOKS DIFFERENT TO ME TODAY JUDY!



DID SYLVIA CALL YET? I PROMISED TO SHOW HER AROUND THE LAB TODAY!

SHE... SHE'S ALREADY HERE -- SHE'S OUT IN THE LAB, TALKING TO JACK!

NEW CLOTHES, A WHOLE DAY AT THE BEAUTY PARLOR, AND HE... HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ME!

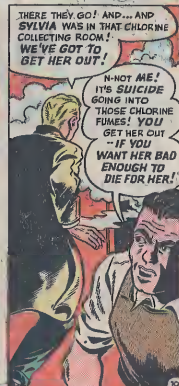


"MEANWHILE -- IN THE LABORATORY..."

LISTEN, BABY, WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND OLD GREASY GRIND? YOU'RE NOT DITCHING ME FOR HIM, ARE YOU -- JUST BECAUSE HE HAS DOUGH?



DON'T BE STUPID, JACKIE BOY! THE DOPE WANTS TO MARRY ME -- I'M JUST STRINGING HIM ALONG UNTIL I CAN SQUEEZE AS MUCH MONEY OUT OF HIM AS I CAN! THEN WE CAN REALLY START GOING PLACES!



ED--YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!  
THAT VAPOR--IT'LL  
KILL YOU!

I... I'VE  
GOT TO!  
SYLVIA'S  
IN  
THERE!

FUMES... GETTING  
WORSE ... BUT I'M ...  
ALMOST THERE!

THE  
COLLECTING ROOM

SHE... SHE'S OUT COLD!  
I... I HOPE I'M--  
NOT TOO LATE!

GAS... BLINDING ME... CHOKING!  
EVERYTHING'S--GETTING DARK!  
CAN I... MAKE IT?

THERE HE  
IS! AND HE'S  
GOT HER!

HE'S PASSING  
OUT! ---  
QUICK,  
GRAB  
HIM!

HE--HE WON'T  
DIE, WILL  
HE?

CAN'T TELL YET, MISS! IF THIS  
FRESH AIR DOESN'T BRING HIM  
AROUND, IT'LL BE TOO LATE  
BEFORE WE CAN GET SOME

OXYGEN TANKS  
OUT HERE!  
THE GIRL'S  
ALL RIGHT,  
THOUGH!

OH, DARLING ... DARLING!  
DDN'T DIE! I LOVE YOU...  
I CAN'T LOSE YOU!

"THROUGH THE WAVES OF RETURNING CONSCIOUSNESS, I  
HEARD THESE WORDS DIMLY, AS IF FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD! THEN CAME THE PRESSURE OF SWEET, WARM LIPS ON  
MINE--AND SUCH A SENSATION AS I'D NEVER KNOWN!  
THIS WAS NO TAWDRY OR CASUAL THING, BUT A KISS OF  
PUREST, DEEPEST LOVE! FOR THE FIRST TIME, I KNEW--THE TRUTH!"



OH, ED, DARLING -- YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! YOU SAVED MY LIFE -- BUT IF YOU HAD DIED, I COULDN'T HAVE GONE ON **LIVING** WITHOUT YOU!



YES, I'M ALL RIGHT-- EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT-- NOW!

I KNOW THAT ONLY A **GREAT LOVE** COULD MAKE A MAN DO WHAT YOU DID FOR ME!



I...I GUESS I KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO-- **FOR GOOD!**

NO, JUDY! WAIT!

GET YOUR SCHEMING HANDS OFF ME -- I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE NOW! I **OVERHEARD** YOU BOASTING TO JACK ABOUT YOUR CONQUEST OF ME -- BUT THAT'S ALL OVER! FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN A ROMANTIC FOOL, CAPTIVATED BY THAT PRETTY



FACE OF YOURS -- BUT THERE'S AN **UGLY SOUL** BEHIND IT!

BUT... BUT YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR ME!



NOT OUT OF LOVE -- I'D HAVE GONE IN THERE TO SAVE A **DOG!** -- AND NOW, AS FOR YOU, YOUNG LADY--

ED -- THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES! YOU -- YOU'VE CHANGED SUDDENLY -- YOU'RE STRONG, FORCEFUL--

YES, DARLING -- AND I'VE CHANGED ON THE **INSIDE**, TOO! I'VE BEEN A **BLIND IDIOT** ALL THESE YEARS -- BLIND TO SOMEONE WHO WAS LOYAL AND GOOD -- AND BEAUTIFUL -- SOMEONE I COULD **REALLY LOVE!**

YOU -- YOU CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT -- ME!



YOU -- THE **TRUE-BLUE GIRL** WHO'S STOOD BY ME ALL THESE YEARS! YOU SEE, I WASN'T UNCONSCIOUS WHEN YOU KISSED ME BEFORE -- AND THAT KISS TOLD ME ALL I'D EVER NEED TO **KNOW!**



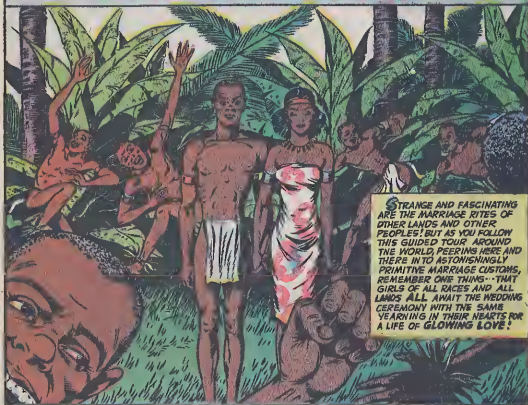
WHAT -- WHAT DID IT TELL YOU, DARLING?

I LOVE YOU!



"AND SO, READER, THIS WAS IT -- THE STORY OF A MAN IN LOVE! DON'T CALL IT A FINISHED STORY -- JUST A HAPPY ROMANCE WHICH IS JUST BEGINNING FOR JUDY AND ME! THERE'S A LIFETIME AHEAD FOR US -- A LIFETIME OF LOVE! AND THE NEXT TIME YOU HEAR ANYONE SAY THAT HEART-THROBS ARE CONFINED TO WOMEN, WELL, JUST THINK OF ME, WON'T YOU?"

# Strange MARRIAGE CUSTOMS



STRANGE AND FASCINATING ARE THE MARRIAGE RITES OF OTHER LANDS AND OTHER PEOPLES! BUT AS YOU FOLLOW THIS GUIDED TOUR AROUND THE WORLD, PEERING HERE AND THERE INTO ASTONISHINGLY PRIMITIVE MARRIAGE CUSTOMS, REMEMBER ONE THING... THAT GIRLS OF ALL RACES AND ALL LANDS ALL AWAIT THE WEDDING CEREMONY WITH THE SAME YEARNING IN THEIR HEARTS FOR A LIFE OF GLOWING LOVE!

**IN UGANDA,** A WEDDING IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THE BRIDE HAS BEEN IDLE FOR A FULL MONTH, DURING WHICH HER RELATIVES SUPPLY HER WITH FOOD! WHEN THE FOOD HAS BEEN ENTIRELY CONSUMED, THE BRIDE'S MARRIED LIFE BEGINS... AND SHE STARTS HOUSEKEEPING HERSELF!



**IN RUSSIA,** THE FATHER USED TO STRIKE HIS DAUGHTER GENTLY WITH A NEW WHIP, AND THEN GIVE THE WEAPON TO HER NEW HUSBAND! THIS SYMBOLIZED THAT THE BRIDE HAD EXCHANGED ONE MASTER FOR ANOTHER!



**IN OJATCHEZ INDIAN WEDDING CEREMONY** WAS COMPLETE UNLESS THE BRIDAL PAIR BOTH ATE OUT OF THE SAME DESH... TO SHOW THAT THEY WOULD SHARE THEIR FORTUNES TOGETHER!



**4** WHEN AN ALBANIAN MAN CAPTURED A WIFE, SHE WAS TAKEN TO HIS HOME AND PLACED BEFORE THE FIRE-PLACE, WHERE SHE WAS OBLIGED TO STAND FOR THREE FULL DAYS, WITHOUT SPEAKING OR RESTING, HER HANDS GRASPING A HUGE PAIR OF FIRE TONGS! AT THE END OF THIS ORDEAL, SHE WAS CONSIDERED MARRIED, AND TOOK HER PLACE IN THE HOUSEHOLD!



**5** AMONG VARIOUS NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES, THE BRIDE HAD TO GATHER A BUNDLE OF FIREWOOD, BUILD A FIRE BEFORE THE MAN'S TENT, AND MAKE A MEAL-CAKE FOR HER HUSBAND-TO-BE! HIS EATING OF THE CAKE CONSTITUTED MARRIAGE!



**6** IN JAPAN, THE BRIDE IS COVERED FROM HEAD TO FOOT IN A WHITE VEIL... WHICH IS ALSO DESTINED TO BE HER SHROUD! A RED CLOTH IS WAVED IN FRONT OF THE BRIDAL PROCESSION TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS!



**7** AMONG SOME AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TRIBES, THE WEDDING CEREMONY SIMPLY CONSISTS OF EXCHANGING A SUPPLY OF SILVER BRACELETS FOR THE BRIDE!



**8** THE MALAY BRIDEGROOM IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN UNDER THE ROOF AND EYE OF HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS! AT THE END OF THAT TIME, HE IS CONSIDERED ACTUALLY MARRIED, AND IS PERMITTED TO MOVE WITH HIS WIFE TO A HOUSE OF HIS OWN!



**9** IN NEW ZEALAND, EVEN WHEN THE BRIDE IS AGREEABLE TO THE MARRIAGE, SHE FEIGNS A BITTER RESISTANCE TO THE GROOM! AND THE MORE THE BRIDE KICKS, CRIES AND STRUGGLES, THE MORE SHE IS APPLAUDED BY HER FRIENDS!



# Love of a GOVERNMENT GIRL

"GOVERNMENT GIRL... THAT WAS I! JUST ONE OF THE COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF LONELY WOMEN WHO THROW WASHINGTON, THE NATION'S CAPITAL... JUST ONE OF THE LOYAL LEGION IN UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE! AND I LEARNED TOO SOON THE ANGUISH OF BITTER NEARTEAR-- THAT A CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY MUST PLACE LOYALTY AHEAD OF LOVE-- SECRETS AHEAD OF SWEETHEARTS! YES, EVEN CARESSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL... IN THE LOVE OF A GOVERNMENT GIRL!"



"IT ALL STARTED OFF WITH A BANG! -- WITH EXCITEMENT, HAPPINESS! I'D PLACED HIGH IN A NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAM, AND WAS ON MY WAY TO WASHINGTON! THE WHOLE TOWN TURNED OUT TO SEE ME OFF--"

LOTS OF LUCK, FAY! DON'T GET MARRIED TO ANYONE BELOW A SENATOR!

GOODBYE, FAY! WRITE US OFTEN! WE'LL ALL MISS YOU!

SO LONG, EVERYONE-- AND THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL SENDOFF!



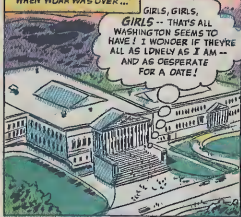
"BUT THEN CAME THAT LONG-DREAMED-OF JOB -- AND A SAD LETDOWN! "

IS... IS THIS THE GLAMOR AND EXCITEMENT I CAME HERE FOR? I'M JUST A NUMBER HERE -- TYPIST 1627 -- AND I'M GETTING SICK OF ALL THESE MONOTONOUS SOCIAL SECURITY BLANKS!



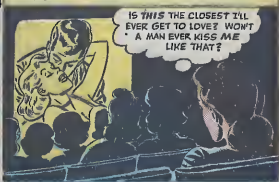


"AND IN THE EVENINGS,  
WHEN WORK WAS OVER..."



GIRLS, GIRLS,  
GIRLS -- THAT'S ALL  
WASHINGTON SEEMS TO  
HAVE! I WONDER IF THEY'RE  
ALL AS LONELY AS I AM --  
AND AS DESPERATE  
FOR A DATE!

"I HATED RETURNING TO MY DREARY APARTMENT EACH  
NIGHT! RESTLESS, I TRIED TO FIND THE LOVE I  
LONGED FOR IN THE FLICKERING SHADOWS OF A MOVIE  
SCREEN -- BUT THE PASSIONATE SCENES LEFT ME EVEN  
MORE BITTER AND DISCONTENTED THAN BEFORE!"



IS THIS THE CLOSEST I'LL  
EVER GET TO LOVE? WON'T  
A MAN EVER KISS ME  
LIKE THAT?

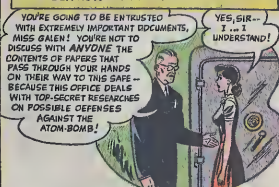
"I HAD ONLY MY WORK TO OCCUPY ME, SO I  
THREW MYSELF INTO IT WITH A GRIM DETERMINA-  
TION TO FORGET ALL ELSE! I GAINED A NAME  
FOR SUPER-EFFICIENCY, AND -- MONTHS LATER --"



MISS GALEEN, I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR  
WORK -- YOU HAVE EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATIVE  
ABILITIES! I'M HAPPY TO TELL YOU YOU'VE BEEN  
PROMOTED -- HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A  
**CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**  
IN THE DEPARTMENT  
OF DEFENSE?

OH, I... I'D  
LOVE IT,  
SIR!

"I WAS ELATED -- AT LAST I WAS GOING TO BE DOING  
WORK THAT WAS EXCITING, IMPORTANT! AT LAST  
I WOULD BE ABLE TO WRITE HOME AND BOAST ABOUT  
THE **GLAMOR** OF MY JOB!"



YOU'RE GOING TO BE ENTRUSTED  
WITH EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS,  
MISS GALEEN! YOU'RE NOT TO  
DISCUSS WITH ANYONE THE  
CONTENTS OF PAPERS THAT  
PASS THROUGH YOUR HANDS --  
BECAUSE THIS OFFICE DEALS  
WITH TOP-SECRET RESEARCHES  
ON POSSIBLE DEFENSES  
AGAINST THE  
ATOM-BOMB!

YES, SIR --  
I... I  
UNDERSTAND!

"AND THEN, THE FIRST DAY  
IN MY NEW OFFICE..."



NI, BEAUTIFUL! I UNDERSTAND WE  
HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON -- WE'RE  
**BOTH** NEW HERE! WHY NOT FIND OUT  
WHAT ELSE WE HAVE IN COMMON -- AT  
A DANCE TONIGHT? I'LL PICK  
YOU UP AFTER WORK!

WHY... WHY,  
I DON'T EVEN  
KNOW  
YOU!

WELL, I'LL REMEDY  
THAT RIGHT NOW!  
MEET PHILIP  
WOLFE,  
HONEY!



OH!!

YOU... YOU HAVE A PERFECT NAME ---  
YOU ARE A WOLF! AND THIS'LL  
SHOW YOU I'M NOT A LAMB!  
I... I WOULDN'T GO OUT  
WITH YOU IF YOU  
WERE THE LAST  
MAN ON EARTH!



**SLAP!**

"ALL THROUGH THE DAY I SEETHED WITH RAGE -- EVEN FELT SORRY FOR MYSELF! THE FIRST GOOD-LOOKING MAN WHO'D PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME SINCE I'D ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON -- AND HE HAD TO TURN OUT TO BE THE KIND A GIRL WOULD BE AFRAID TO GO OUT WITH! THEN, AFTER WORK..."

LOOK, MISS GALEN ... I'M SORRY I WAS SO IMPETUOUS THIS MORNING! BUT THOSE LIPS OF YOURS -- THEY ARE SO KISSABLE, YOU KNOW!

NO! I'M AFRAID YOU'D WOLF YOUR FOOD -- AS YOU PROBABLY DO EVERYTHING ELSE! AND NOW, PLEASE LET GO OF MY ARM -- I HAVE SOME SHOPPING TO DO!

WOULD YOU LET ME APOLOGIZE -- AT DINNER?

IF ONLY SOMEONE ELSE, SOMEONE DECENT, WOULD ASK ME OUT -- BUT I GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL RESIGN MYSELF TO EATING ALL MY DINNERS ALONE! WASHINGTON IS PROBABLY FULL OF WOLVES --



"SO HERE WAS ANOTHER ONE WITH A SMOOTH LINE OF TALK! HE'D PROBABLY ENO UP BY ASKING ME FOR A DATE, TOO -- BUT I'D HANDLE HIM THE SAME WAY!"

PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO MAKE AMENDS BY HELPING YOU WITH THESE PACKAGES -- MY CAR IS JUST OUTSIDE!

NO, THANK YOU! I CAN MANAGE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!



OHHH!

WHAM!

YOU--YOU CLUMSY BLUNDERER! COULDN'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU WERE GOING?

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY! IT WAS ALL MY FAULT -- EVEN THOUGH I WAS LUCKY, RUNNING INTO SOMEONE AS LOVELY AS YOU!



THAT'S QUITE A LOAD YOU'VE GOT -- SURE YOU DON'T WANT A LIFT? BY THE WAY, MY NAME'S TIMOTHY BALOVIN --

I... I WON'T EVEN ANSWER HIM! HE PROBABLY THINKS THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR A PICK-UP!



"BUT THEN, A FEW YARDS FURTHER ON..."

OHH... THE BAG'S RIPPING!



HELLO, AGAIN! I WAS AFRAID THAT MIGHT HAPPEN, SO I FOLLOWED YOU! YOU'RE REALLY IN A PREDICAMENT-- AND I'M PERFECTLY HARMLESS! SO IF YOU'LL LET ME HELP YOU NOW--

WELL -- I GUESS IT IS FOOLISH TO STAND ON CEREMONY THIS WAY! I'LL ACCEPT YOUR OFFER -- AND THANKS!



"TIMOTHY BALDWIN WAS KIND AND CONSIDERATE DURING THE DRIVE TO MY APARTMENT! THERE WAS A STRANGE, QUIET CHARM ABOUT HIM -- SURELY I HAD BEEN WRONG IN MY FIRST IMPRESSION!"

HERE, I'VE EMPTIED MY BAG AND PUT ALL YOUR GROCERIES INTO IT!

YOU'VE BEEN A WONDERFUL HELP, MR. BALDWIN! NOW SHOULDN'T YOU BE BRINGING YOUR OWN GROCERIES TO... YOUR WIFE?



WIFE? -- BACHELORS DON'T HAVE WIVES! AND WHEN I THINK OF HAVING TO GO HOME AND COOK DINNER ALL BY MYSELF, SOMETIMES I WISH I WERE MARRIED!

OH! ... LOOK, YOU'VE BEEN VERY KIND, AND I'D LIKE TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION BY... WELL... I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU STAY FOR DINNER!



"I FELT MY HEART GO OUT TO THE RADIANT, BOYISH SMILE OF PLEASURE THAT LIT HIS FACE! IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL DINNER -- HE WAS WITTY, CLEVER -- IT WAS AS IF WE'D ALWAYS KNOWN EACH OTHER!"

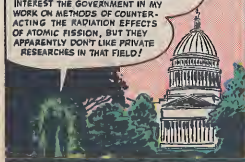
I INSIST ON COOKING THE DISHES! HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH IN COOKING UP THAT SWELL MEAL?

OH, TIM! NA-HA! -- IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE YOURSELF IN THAT APRON!



"IT WAS THE BEST TIME I'D EVER HAD IN WASHINGTON, READER -- AND MY HEART THRILLED STRANGELY WHEN HE ASKED TO SEE ME AGAIN THE FOLLOWING NIGHT! WHAT SORT OF MAN WAS THIS, WHO COULD STIR ME SO DEEPLY? I LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THE NEXT EVENING--"

I'M A RADIATION ENGINEER -- GOT MY OWN PRIVATE LAB ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO INTEREST THE GOVERNMENT IN MY WORK ON METHODS OF COUNTERACTING THE RADIATION EFFECTS OF ATOMIC FISSION, BUT THEY APPARENTLY DON'T LIKE PRIVATE RESEARCHES IN THAT FIELD!

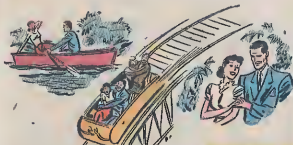


GOSH, THAT'S TOO BAD -- SAY! THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF RESEARCH THEY'RE DOING IN MY DEPARTMENT-- MAYBE I CAN GET YOU A JOB THERE!

DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME, FAY! RIGHT NOW I FEEL LIKE THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD -- WITH SOMEONE AS LOVELY AS YOU AT MY SIDE! YOU AND I ARE GOING TO GO PLACES, HAVE FUN TOGETHER!

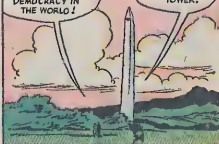


"AND IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, TIM AND I DID HAVE FUN! I FOUND MYSELF WAITING IMPATIENTLY, LONGINGLY, FOR EACH DATE WITH HIM... AND THERE WAS A DEEPER YEARNING THAT MADE MY HEART THUD EACH TIME I HAD TO SAY GOODNIGHT TO HIM!"



THIS IS A GREAT CITY, ISN'T IT, FAY? EVERY TIME I LOOK UP AT THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT, I GET A LUMP IN MY THROAT --- TO ME, IT'S A SYMBOL OF THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD!

I KNOW JUST WHAT YOU MEAN, TIM --- YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER BEEN UP TO THE TOP OF IT! LET'S GO UP TO THE OBSERVATION TOWER!



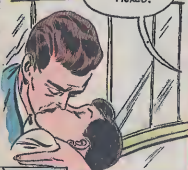
OH, ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE PLACE TO OURSELVES! LOOK AT THAT BREATH-TAKING VIEW OUTSIDE!

THERE'S A BREATH-TAKING VIEW INSIDE, TOO --- MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ANYTHING OUTSIDE!



"OUR EYES MET-- AND SOMETHING LIKE AN ELECTRIC CURRENT SEEMED TO SWEEP BETWEEN US! THEN, SUDDENLY, I WAS IN HIS ARMS, HIS LIPS HOT FIRE ON MINE! THE WORLD CAME ALIVE-- THIS WAS MY MOMENT!"

AHEM! COZY SPOT YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS PICKED!



PHILIP WOLFE-- YOU! HAVE... HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING ME?

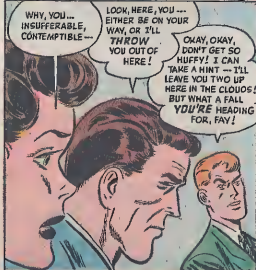
WELL, I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT KIND OF A MAN YOU PREFERRED TO ME! I MUST SAY YOU HAVE BAD TASTE!



WHY, YOU... INSUFFERABLE, CONTEMPTIBLE---

LOOK, HERE, YOU --- EITHER BE ON YOUR WAY, OR I'LL THROW YOU OUT OF HERE!

OKAY, OKAY, DON'T GET SO HUFFY! I CAN TAKE A HINT --- I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO UP HERE IN THE CLOUDS! BUT WHAT A FALL YOU'RE HEADING FOR, FAY!



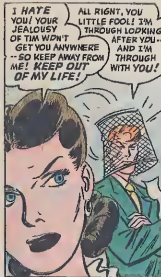
"BLAZING ANGER AT PHILIP WOLFE'S INSOLENCE KEPT ME SLEEPLESS ALL NIGHT, AND WAS STILL WHITE-HOT THE NEXT DAY AT THE OFFICE!"

YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE WITH THAT GUY, FAY --- KEEP AWAY FROM HIM! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND? --- HE PROBABLY HAS FIVE OTHER WIVES SOMEWHERE ---

OH, YOU --- YOU SNEAKING, LYING ---!







I HATE YOU! YOUR JEALOUSY OF TIM WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE -- GO KEEP AWAY FROM ME! KEEP OUT OF MY LIFE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU LITTLE FOOL! I'M THROUGH LOOKING AFTER YOU -- AND I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!

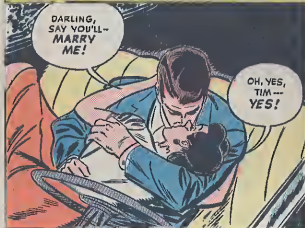
"THROUGH WITH ME! -- IF ONLY I COULD DEPEND ON IT! BUT I FORGOT HIM WHEN THE DAY'S WORK WAS OVER -- BECAUSE --"

I'VE BEEN WAITING OUT HERE FOR YOU -- THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU!

ALL RIGHT, TIM! LET'S GO ANYPLACE -- AS LONG AS IT'S AWAY FROM THIS BUILDING -- AND ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN IT!



"THE WORDS I'D HUNGRED TO HEAR -- FROM THE MAN WHO'D COME TO MEAN MY WHOLE LIFE TO ME! SUDDENLY THE WORLD SEEMED FILLED WITH SWEET MUSIC -- MY SENSES SWAM RAPTURDUSLY -- AS I KNEW ETERNAL LOVE WAS MINE!"



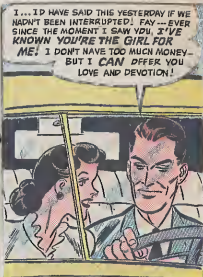
DARLING, SAY YOU'LL MARRY ME!

OH, YES, TIM -- YES!

"YES, LIFE WAS ROSY -- I EVEN FOUND I COULDN'T GET MAD AT PHILIP WOLFE ANYMORE!"

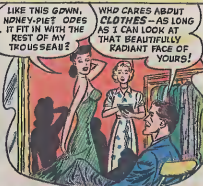
SO YOU'VE GONE AHEAD AND DONE IT, EH -- GOT YOURSELF COMMITTED TO THAT BIRD, SALOWIN! JUST REMEMBER -- I WARNED YOU!

NOTHING YOU SAY, MY DEAR MR. WOLFE, CAN HAVE THE SLIGHTEST EFFECT ON ME! WHY, I'M SO HAPPY, I'VE EVEN FORGOTTEN NOW TO DESPISE YOU!



I ... I'D HAVE SAID THIS YESTERDAY IF WE HADN'T BEEN INTERRUPTED! FAY -- EVER SINCE THE MOMENT I SAW YOU, I'VE KNOWN YOU'RE THE GIRL FOR ME! I DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY -- BUT I CAN OFFER YOU LOVE AND DEVOTION!

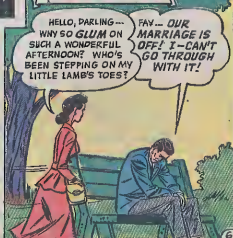
"THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WERE FILLED WITH A TURBULENT ECSTASY! THERE WERE THE HAPPY PREPARATIONS FOR MY FORTHCOMING WEDDING..."



LIKE THIS GOWN, MONEY-PIET ODES IT FIT IN WITH THE REST OF MY TROUSSEAU?

WHO CARES ABOUT CLOTHES -- AS LONG AS I CAN LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFULLY RADIANT FACE OF YOURS!

"BUT, THE NEXT DAY..."



HELLO, DARLING -- WHY SO GLUM ON SUCH A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON? WHO'S BEEN STEPPING ON MY LITTLE LAMB'S TOES?

FAY -- OUR MARRIAGE IS OFF! I -- CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!

"HIS WORDS -- LIKE A KNEEL OF DOOM IN MY HEART! MY LOVE -- MY VISIONS OF FUTURE BLISS -- THEY COULDN'T VANISH THIS WAY! I WAS FIGHTING HARD AGAINST MYSTICIA AS I CRIED --"

TIM! DON'T -- YOU CAN'T BREAK UP MY LIFE THIS WAY! ARE YOU SO CRUEL AND HEARTLESS THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG, WHAT'S COME BETWEEN US?

CRUEL? NO, DEAREST, I'M NOT DOING THIS OUT OF CRUELTY -- BUT OUT OF LOVE FOR YOU! I -- I DIDN'T MEAN TO TELL YOU THE REAL REASON -- BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO!

I'LL BE DEAD WITHIN A MONTH, FAY! AN EXPERIMENT WENT WRONG AT MY LAB THIS MORNING -- AND I WAS ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED TO A TERRIFIC DOSE OF LETHAL ATOMIC RADIATIONS! I MAY APPEAR NORMAL TO YOU, BUT THE DAMAGE IS ALL INTERNAL! BRACE YOURSELF -- THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN SAVE ME!

"MY TIM -- SENTENCED TO AN AWFUL END! THE DREAMS WE SHARED -- SHATTERED! A NUMB HORROR GRIPPED ME -- I DIDN'T WANT TO GO ON WITHOUT HIM! IT COULDN'T BE! WASN'T THERE SOMETHING -- ANYTHING --?"

BUT YOU WERE WORKING ON COUNTERAGENTS TO NULLIFY THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION -- CAN'T YOU EVEN SAVE YOURSELF?

NO -- IT HASN'T PANNED OUT! MY WORK IS A FAILURE -- IT'S JUST NO USE, FAY! TRY TO RESIGN YOURSELF TO IT, AS I HAVE!

TIM -- I'VE GOT IT! MY DEPARTMENT HAS PERFECTED A DEVICE THAT NULLIFIES RADIATION BURNS! IT CAN CURE YOU IF IT'S USED WITHIN 72 HOURS! YOU'LL BE SAVED!

I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT, DARLING -- BUT THE DEVICE IS STILL SECRET, SINCE IT CAN BE USED TO COUNTERACT RADIATIONS FROM ATOMIC BOMBS! THEY'RE NOT GOING TO RELEASE IT FOR ACTUAL APPLICATION -- EVEN IF I COULD GET IT, RED TAPE AND INVESTIGATIONS WOULD HOLD IT UP MORE THAN 72 HOURS!

BUT -- THE PLANS FOR THE DEVICE ARE IN MY SAFE! WHAT HARM WOULD I BE DOING IF I JUST BARRICADED THEM -- TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MAN I LOVED? AND YOU'RE A NUCLEAR ENGINEER -- YOU'D BE ABLE TO ADAPT THE DEVICE IN TIME TO CURE YOURSELF! -- AND NO ONE ELSE NEED EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT!

BUT, DARLING, YOU CAN'T -- YOU'D BE VIOLATING YOUR TRUST! I WON'T LET YOU --

OH, YES, YOU WILL! I KNOW THE VALUE OF LOYALTY AND SECRECY, BUT I ALSO KNOW THE VALUE OF YOUR LIFE AND OUR LOVE! AND SINCE I KNOW I'M NOT ENDANGERING NATIONAL SECURITY, THERE'LL BE NO HARM DONE!

"IT WAS A DESPERATE STEP I WAS TAKING--BUT I HAD NO CHOICE! DESPITE MY CALM ASSURANCES TO TIM, MY HEART WAS POUNDING WITH ANXIETY AS I WAITED UNTIL DARKNESS FELL AND I KNEW MY OFFICE WOULD BE EMPTY! SINCE I HAD OFTEN WORKED LATE, MY PASS ADMITTED ME WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED... AND... MINUTES LATER..."

AH, THESE ARE THE PAPERS I WANT... THEY'LL SAVE HIM!

HMM, WORKING A LITTLE LATE, AREN'T YOU? AND WHY THE FLASHLIGHT?



"CAUGHT! MY HEART SKIPPED A BEAT--THEN THUDDED FIERCELY! I WAS DOING THIS FOR MY LOVE--AND I HAD TO BRAZEN THROUGH!"

OH, HELLO... PHIL!

I... I HAD TO FINISH A REPORT, SO I DECIDED TO PICK UP THE PAPERS AND GET THEM DONE AT HOME!

BUT DON'T I SEE A TDP SECRET STAMP ON ONE OF THOSE PAGES? YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T TAKE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL OUT OF THE OFFICE WITHOUT PERMISSION!



"I KNEW THEN WHAT I WOULD HAVE TO DO! NOTHING WAS GOING TO STAND IN THE WAY OF SAVING THE LIFE OF THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD FOR ME!"

NONSENSE! -- I'M NOT TAKING ANYTHING BUT ROUTINE FORMS! HERE--SEE FOR YOURSELF!

I INTEND TO! I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT'S LUCKY I HAPPENED TO BE WORKING LATE MYSELF!



WHY, THESE ARE SECRET OCCUM--- OHHH!

**CRACK!**



"HE... HE'S LYING THERE SO STILL -- I... I HOPE I DIDN'T HIT HIM TOO HARD! BUT I HAD TO DO IT -- FOR TIM'S SAKE!"

"TIM HAD GIVEN ME THE ADDRESS OF HIS LABORATORY, WHERE WE HAD ARRANGED TO MEET! I ARRIVED, BREATHLESS WITH URGENCY..."

THE PLANS -- QUICK -- DO YOU HAVE THEM?

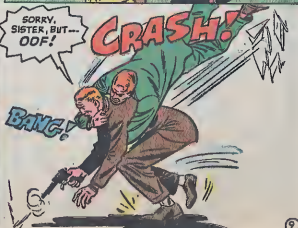
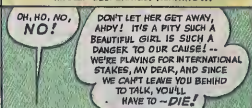
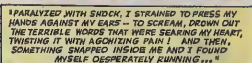
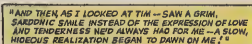
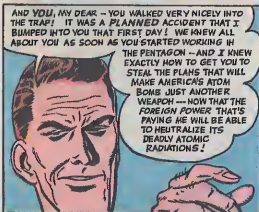
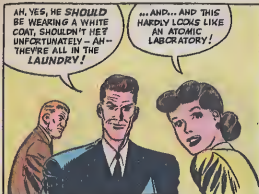
YES, DARLING, HERE THEY ARE! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF YOU GET TO WORK ON THEM RIGHT AWAY!



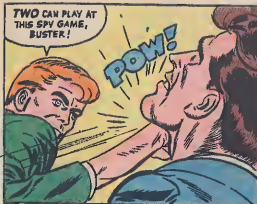
AH, WONDERFUL, DEAREST! MY LAB ASSISTANT WILL PUT THEM INTO WORK IMMEDIATELY! ER -- PUT THESE IN A SAFE PLACE, ANDY!

BUT... BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A LAB ASSISTANT, TIM!





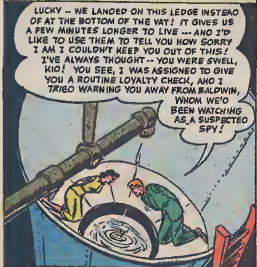




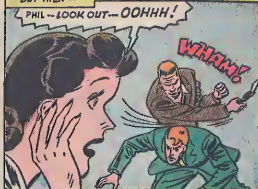
"IT WAS DONE -- WE BOTH LAY COMPLETELY HELPLESS NOW! MY HEART BLEED FOR THE MAN WHO HAD RISKED HIS ALL FOR ME! HIS FLIPPANCY, HIS BOLD MANNERS -- THEY'D ALL BEEN A POSE WHICH MASKED A REAL MAN! AND NOW -- I'D BROUGHT HIM TO THIS!"



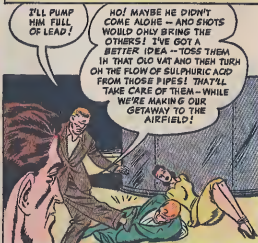
"AND SO THEY LEFT US -- AND AN AWFUL FATE LOMED! WAS IT IMPENDING DEATH THAT KNUITTED US CLOSER -- BROUGHT A MAN AND WOMAN TOGETHER IN THEIR MOMENT OF PERIL?"



"THIS MAN WHO HAD COME TO MY RESCUE, WHO HAD SAVED ME FROM DEATH -- IT WAS PHILIP WOLFE -- THE MAN I HAD DESPISED! IT WAS A NEW PHILIP -- GRIM, PURPOSEFUL -- FIGHTING FOR ME! BUT THEN --"



"COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AGENT -- WHY DID MY HEART SINK WITHIN ME? WAS IT BECAUSE I WANTED PHIL'S SACRIFICE TO BE FOR ME ALONE? AND WHY? HADN'T I THOUGHT MYSELF IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER? THEN WHY THE BREATHLESS PULSING OF MY BLOOD?"



"I SAW THE TENDER, HAUNTED EXPRESSION IN HIS EYES -- AND IN THESE, THE LAST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE, I SUDDENLY REALIZED THE TRUTH! I LOVED PHILIP WOLFE -- I'D ALWAYS LOVED HIM! BUT I'D HIDDEN MY FEELING, EVEN FROM MYSELF -- BECAUSE I'D THOUGHT HIM A MERE 'WOLF'! AND NOW, WITH THE DEADLY ACID MOUNTING RELENTLESSLY HIGHER -- IT WAS TOO LATE!"

OH, IF ... ONLY YOU ... WE DIDN'T HAVE TO DIE IN SUCH A HORRIBLE WAY!

FAY -- YOU THOUGHT OF ME FIRST! I ... I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT IT WAS MORE THAN DUTY THAT MADE ME TRY TO SAVE YOU! IT WAS ALSO ... WAIT! THAT ACID -- MAYBE WE WON'T HAVE TO DIE ANY WAY AT ALL ...

... IF I CAN GET THE ACID TO BURN OFF THESE ROPES ... OHHH!

BUT, PHIL -- YOUR HANDS!



"DROP BY DROP, THE SEARING ACID FELL --- BURNING ROPE AND FLESH ALIKE! THIS WAS TRUE COURAGE! HERE WAS A MAN TO RESPECT -- AND LOVE!"

IT ... IT'S GIVING WAY -- THERE!



PHIL -- YOUR HANDS! THEY'RE TERRIBLY BURNED!

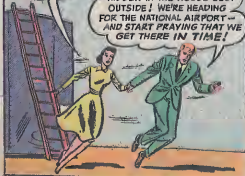
FORGET ABOUT MY HANDS! WE MUST MOVE FAST! STAND UP ON MY SHOULDERS AND TRY TO REACH THE TOP OF THE VAT! THEN YOU CAN TOSS DOWN A ROPE FOR ME! HURRY -- BEFORE THAT ACID GETS ANY HIGHER!



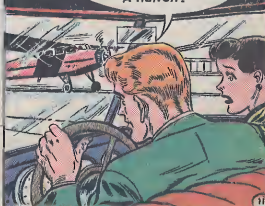
"AND SO -- BACK, FROM THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!"

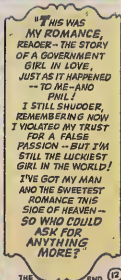
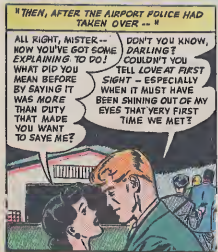
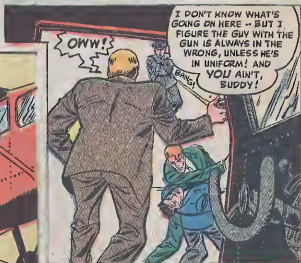
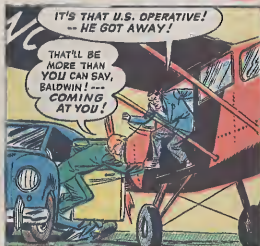
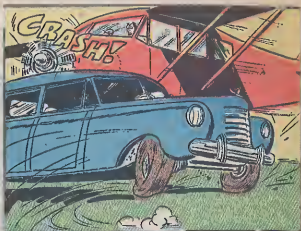
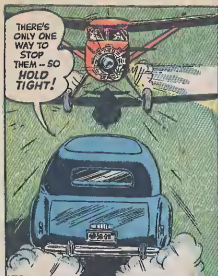
OH, PHIL --- WE MADE IT! WE'RE SAFE!

BUT WE'RE NOT THROUGH YET -- AS LONG AS THOSE SPIES HAVE THE COUNTER-RADIATION PLANS! COME ON --- I'VE GOT MY CAR HIDDEN IN THE WOODS JUST OUTSIDE! WE'RE HEADING FOR THE NATIONAL AIRPORT -- AND START PRAYING THAT WE GET THERE IN TIME!



THAT SMALL PLANE WARMING UP AHEAD OF US -- THAT MUST BE OUR BABY! THERE'S NO OTHER PLANE READY TO TAKE OFF -- SO I'LL JUST PLAY A HUNCH!





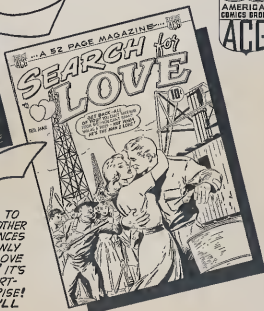
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